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May 17, 2010

Jodi Jerich, Director Arizona Residential Utility Consumer Office 1110 W. Washington St., Suite 220 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Director Jerich:

On behalf of the Anthem Community Council Board of Directors, I write to advocate our position in strong support of total consolidation of all Arizona American Water Company districts. Total consolidation will immediately alleviate the significant financial burden currently being borne by Anthem residents due to the unusually high rates that we pay for water and wastewater services. We support consolidation provided accurate records are still maintained for each plant and that capital improvement projects are planned and implemented according to a proper capital replacement plan.

We do <u>not</u> support the existing partial consolidation of the Anthem and Agua Fria ratepayers related to the Northwest Treatment Facility.

The position of the Council is effectively summarized by Dan Neidlinger in his testimony, which states that "...the merits of rate consolidation significantly outweigh any adverse consequences of a rate consolidation process. To achieve the benefits of consolidation, however, all of the Company's water and wastewater districts should be included in the consolidation. The partial consolidation alternatives presented by Staff do not provide for any meaningful improvement over the current stand-alone system. Similarly, the current "miniconsolidation" of the Anthem and Agua Fria Wastewater districts into a single (and isolated) consolidated district makes no sense. If consolidation of all the Company districts is not accomplished in this case, the Commission should de-consolidate these wastewater districts and set stand-alone rates."

We continue to strongly oppose the inclusion of the infrastructure payments made by the Company to Pulte/Del Webb in the calculation of the rate as proposed by the Company.

The Anthem Community Council strongly urges you to seriously consider our positions.

Sincerely,

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